

## Charging Policy

### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

### 2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.
- 2.2 If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.
- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:
- visits to museums;
  - sporting activities which require transport expenses;
  - outdoor adventure activities;
  - visits to the theatre;
  - visitors into school e.g. theatre groups etc.
  - musical events.

### 3 Residential visits

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. Parents would be asked to make a voluntary contribution towards this cost.

### 4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers from the Music for Life company organise individual lessons. They make a charge for these lessons. Parents are given information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

### 5 Swimming

- 5.1** The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons. A voluntary contribution is requested to cover transport costs.

## **6 Football**

- 6.1** The school offers additional football coaching after school in addition to in-house training. Qualified FA coaches, who are not members of the school staff, run and organize these sessions. They make a small charge for these sessions.

## **7 Photographs**

All children will have an official school photograph taken approximately every 18 months. A reputable school photography firm visits the school and charges for this service. After receiving the proofs Parents may choose whether or not to purchase the photographs. The school sometimes makes a small profit from this.

## **8 Uniform**

- 8.1.1** The school has a uniform policy, which is detailed in the prospectus. School orders uniform on the Parents behalf, directly to the manufacturer. This is a non- profit making service.

**Approved by governors:**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Review date:**